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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BRANIFF QUOTAS

REF:A)STATE 33333; (B) BUENOS AIRES 1261

1. CAB ORDER AS NOW PROPOSED BY CAB STAFF WOULD NOT
ELIMINATE FLIGHTS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND U.S. INSTEAD
ORDER WILL ONLY PROHIBIT PASSENGERS FROM DEPLANING OR
EMPLANING IN MEXICO ON ALL FLIGHTS AND IN LIMA ON FOUR OF
SIX FLIGHTS.

2. DEPT APPRECIATES THIS IS STRONG STEP AND GOES BEYOND
PURELY FIFTH FREEDOM RESTRICTION. UNFORTUNATELY, RESTRIC-
TION OF JUST FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC IS IMPOSSIBLE TO POLICE
AND WOULD HAVE LESS THAN PROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON
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AEROLINEAS. CAB CONSIDERS THAT VALUE OF ABOVE PROPOSED
TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ON AEROLINEAS IS APPROXIMATELY THAT OF
ARGENTINA'S RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON US AIRLINES. THE POTEN-
TIAL LOSS IN AA'S TRAFFIC REVENUES IS ESTIMATED TO BE
APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION DOLS, WHICH MATCHES ESTIMATED
LOSSES ON ANNUAL BASIS SUFFERED BY BRANIFF AS A RESULT OF
QUOTAS.

3. EMBASSY MAY APPROACH GOA AT ITS DISCRETION AND INFORM

THEM THAT CAB ORDER ALONG LINES PARA 1 ABOVE IS BEING CONTEMPLATED. AT PRESENT, ORDER IS IN DRAFTING STAGE. HOWEVER, CAB STAFF EXPECTS TO SUBMIT IT THIS WEEK TO CAB MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL. IF APPROVED, ORDER WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT FOR 10-DAY REVIEW. BECAUSE, PROCEDURALLY, DEPT CAN OPPOSE ORDER ONLY DURING FIRST 48 HOURS OF PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW PERIOD, IT IS UNTIMELY AT PRESENT FOR US TO SEEK A STAY. AFTER REVIEW, UNLESS ORDER IS DISAPPROVED OR STAYED, IT WOULD BE SERVED ON AEROLINEAS, AND IT WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF SERVICE. AS PROVIDED BY THE ORDER, DURING THIS 30 DAYS "... THE BOARD WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER AND POSTPONE ITS ACTION SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA MUTUALLY AGREE TO POSTPONE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE US CARRIERS."

4. ORDER CAN BE DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL REPS OF US AIRLINES AT ANY TIME. BRANIFF AND PAN AM HEADQUARTERS ARE FULLY AWARE OF PROPOSED ORDER.

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